1	2	3	4	5
10.	Karnataka	1072811	1333004	1620536
11.	Kerala	641287	765885	898457
12.	Madhya Pradesh	614229	710541	893428
13.	Maharashtra	4370491	5634735	6751864
14.	Manipur	9097	9865	12406
15.	Meghalaya	8395	10302	10503
16.	Mizoram	2411	2765	3385
17.	Nagaland	9762	10567	10348
18.	National Capital Territory of Delhi	2298972	2913129	3174467
19.	Orissa	243618	282066	329182
20.	Punjab	624476	730085	840690
21.	Rajasthan	424671	477205	560187
22.	Sikkim	2798	3591	3968
23.	Tamil Nadu	1839312	2293494	2940978
24.	Tripura	19719	22383	24461
25.	Uttar Pradesh	1103307	1233193	1419491
26.	West Bengal	1296136	1524871	1735155
27.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1769	2132	2520
28.	Chandigarh	188587	369477	520455
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	787	929	1240
30.	Daman & Diu	1636	1967	3925
31.	Lakshadweep	143	200	237
32.	Pondicherry	21750	26053	30574
	All India	18001659	22250656	26353322

[English]

Production of Silk Yarn

69. SHRI P. THEERTHARAMAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce modern technologies for producing silk yarn and silk sarees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to borrow foreign assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (d) The Central Silk Board has been implementing schemes for promotion of technologies for the production of raw silk and for the development of the silk industry.

Trading of Gold

70. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have cleared the proposal or introduction of forward trading of gold;

(b) if so, whether a separate body on the lines of Gold Management Board is likely to be set up;

(c) if so, composition of the Body; and

(d) the main functions of the new body ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Inclusion of Foreigners in Voter List

71. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps on the complaint received from the State Governments regarding inclusion of the names of foreigners in the voter list;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) Article 324 of the Constitution vests the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls in the Election Commission and accordingly any complaint with regard to inclusion of names of foreigners in the voters list is required to be made to the Election Commission and to the electoral registration authorities and not the Government. As such, if any complaint is received by the Government with regard to electoral rolls, the same is forwarded to the Election Commission for necessary action.

Munsif Court at Shahbad, U.P.

72. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Allahabad High Court had ordered to set up Munsif Court Shahbad in district Hardoi of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing this order; and

(c) the time by which this Munsif Court is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Pension Scheme for GIC Employees

73. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the General Insurance Corporation of India has introduced a pension scheme for its employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of its introduction; and

(c) the categories of employees covered under this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Scheme was introduced to all categories of the employees of GIC with effect from 1.11.1993 with an option to those retiring between 1.1.1986 to 1.11.1993 to join the Scheme after returning the benefits paid with interest. The details are contained in the GIC (Employees) Pension Scheme, 1995 which was laid on the Table of the House on 8.12.1995.

Floriculture Project in U.P.

74. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a floriculture project at Agra in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to identify an overseas consultant for working out the detailed project report in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

75. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in view of some ambiguities in it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the nature of such ambiguities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Nominee Directors of Financial Institutions

76. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the lapses of the Financial Institutions nominee directors in their functioning on Boards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) It is not the Government but Financial Institutions (FIs) which appoint nominee directors on the boards of assisted companies. FIs themselves review the performance of their nominee directors and also take appropriate action wherever necessary.

External Commercial Borrowings

77. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of external commercial borrowings released to the Karnataka State during 1996-97;